

STRUCTURE AND OTHER FIRE AUTHORITY

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In State Responsibility Area (SRA) not served by local government fire protection entities, CAL FIRE may respond and use State resources, under the authority of PRC §4103 or §4170, for a fire in a structure, vehicle, or other improvement that could cause a forest fire or be a hazard to natural resources. In these areas where the public recognizes the State as a fire department "in being" and expects CAL FIRE to respond as a fire department, CAL FIRE shall inform the public that the landowner has the primary responsibility to provide structural fire protection.

When an emergency incident occurs within another jurisdiction, CAL FIRE will respond under mutual aid, assistance-by-hire, or under the terms of a local agreement, as appropriate. If, in CAL FIRE's judgment, the incident represents a substantial threat to SRA, CAL FIRE will respond as if to a normal SRA wildfire.

PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRE

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For wildfires in the State Direct Protection Area, the State will bear financial responsibility for all costs resulting from actions taken by CAL FIRE and Contract County Incident Commanders in suppressing wildfires and in minimizing damages to exposed life, property, and natural resource values, except those costs that are reasonably incurred by the local government agency with structural fire protection responsibility.

Further, cooperating federal agencies will be similarly responsible for actions taken by federal incident commanders in suppressing wildfires and in minimizing damages to exposed life, property, and natural resource values on State Responsibility Area within the Federal Direct Protection Area.

Local government fire protection authorities with concurrent jurisdiction may order additional resources and initiate additional actions at their own cost.

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